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PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR STOESSEL

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SUBJ: CODEL HUMPHRY/SCOTT

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1. CONTROL OFFICERS BREMENT AND LEVITSKY MET WITH MFA USA DIVISION CHIEF FEDOSEYEV AND COUNSELOR LOMOVTSSEV JUNE 16 TO GO OVER ARRANGEMENTS FOR CODEL. BASED ON FEDOSEYEV'S RECOMMENDATION WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED MEETING WITH SUPREME SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR VISIT EARLY THIS WEEK.

2. WE INFORMED FEDOSEYEV OF CODEL'S REQUESTS FOR HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS, WIVES' PROGRAM, TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM FOR LENINGRAD PER REFTELS. WE ALSO REEMPHASIZED THAT CODEL MUST PAY FOR HOTELS AND MEALS DURING STAY. FEDOSEYEV SEEMD SOMEWHAT SURPRISED ABOUT REQUEST FOR NATIONAL OR ROSSIYA HOTEL, SAYING HE ASSUMED DELEGATION WOULD BE HOUSED AT SOVETSKAYA, BUT SAID HE WOULD PASS ON REQUEST. HE HAD LITTLE INFORMATION ON PROGRAM, BUT DID SAY PLANS WOULD BE MADE FOR JUNE 29 (I.E., PRESUMABLY TOURIST ACTIVITIES) FOR FULL
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DELEGATION AND WIVES. THERE WILL BE A LUNCH HOSTED BY SOVIETS

JUNE 30 AND A BALLET SAME EVENING. HE SUGGESTED THAT MOST SUITABLE TIME FOR FUNCTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR WOULD BE EVENING OF JULY 1, WITH ALTERNATIVE OF LUNCH AFTERNOON OF JULY 2. WE TOLD FEDOSEYEV THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE BUT COULD NOT GIVE FINAL APPROVAL UNTIL AMBASSADOR STOESSEL RETURNED TO MOSCOW JUNE 18. FEDOSEYEV SAID SOVIETS WOULD PROVIDE SUGGESTED LIST OF SOVIET INVITEES, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE 20 SUPREME SOVIET DEPUTIES INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN VISIT AND THEIR WIVES. ASSUME CODEL WILL COVER COSTS. (SEE REFTEL C).

3. LENINGRAD. AS REQUESTED REFTEL B., FOLLOWING IS LIST OF DAYTIME TRAINS FROM MOSCOW TO LENINGRAD:

TRAIN NO. 18 -- DEPART 0711 ARRIVE 1313

TRAIN NO. 24 -- DEPART 1347 ARRIVE 2126 (COMMENT: THIS IS THE USUAL INTOURIST TRAIN)

TRAIN NO. 10 -- DEPART 1655 ARRIVE 2301

TRAIN ,9. 14 -- DEPART 1700 ARRIVE 2313

ALL TRAINS LISTED ARE COACH "SIT-UP" CARS, WITH ONLY SECOND CLASS COMPARTMENTS. CONGEN LENINGRAD AND EMBASSY FEEL THAT IN VIEW OF SHORT LENGTH OF VISIT, CODEL'S TIME WOULD BETTER BE SPENT IN EITHER LENINGRAD OR MOSCOW RATHER THAN ON TRAIN. WHILE SCENERY MIGHT BE OF SOME INTEREST, IT TENDS TO BECOME REPETITIVE AFTER SHORT TIME.

4. EMBASSY HAS ASKED MFA TO SET ASIDE 1000 TO 1130 ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29, FOR BRIEFING OF CODEL AT EMBASSY.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS FROM CODEL ASAP IN ORDER TO RAISE THEM DURING MEETING WITH SUPREME SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES. ARE PREVIOUS REQUESTS MADE BY CODEL FOR VISIT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH STILL VALID? E.G., DOES SENATOR LEAHY STILL WISH SEPARATE MEETING WITH SOVIET SPECIALISTS IN MILITARY AND STRATEGIC AFFAIRS? (FYI: FEDOSEYEV MENTIONED THAT ONLY SPECIAL REQUEST THUS FAR FROM CODEL HAD BEEN MEETING WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV. HE HAD NO COMMENT AS TO WHETHER SUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING IS POSSIBLE.)

6. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON AS MUCH OF ABOVE AS POSSIBLE BEFORE OUR MEETING WITH SUPREME SOVIET, WHICH WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE JUNE 18.
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